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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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1. The need for current information on a given foreign country becomes most critical at times of crisis within that country. At just those times the local government frequently imposes bans on normal communications channels.

2. In these crises, the Intelligence Community needs information rapidly to be able to advise on decisions which affect US lives and property, and to make prompt and accurate assessments of the situation to guide ~~decisions~~ and foreign operations.

3. These crises and the need for information during them may be expected in the future, particularly in the uncommitted peripheral countries, the Communist-dominated countries where control has become

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